

**Funding Action Team  
Meeting Notes  
March 18, 2005**

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**Attendance** B. Blaesing, W. Carley, A. Clover, A. Cooper, A. Frobom, A. Kaltenthaler, R. Lange, C. Mann, E. Mullen, J. Niemela, S. Tanweer, T. Petko, S. Maynard

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**Meeting Overview** Theresa opened discussion. A moderators' meeting is scheduled for the end of March. Moderators will be reporting out and some committees merging into existing entities. Correction to February 25 minutes: Nancy Tienbieri was also in attendance as a guest of Ralph Lange.

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**Meeting Notes** TEA-LU bill passed by the House of Representatives then will go to Senate. Ralph suggested lobbying conference committee.

MDOT's 2006 Budget will start in the Senate. Senate Appropriations meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, March 22. Legislative Hearings are being scheduled throughout the state regarding the five year plan. If any Funding Action Team members attend, ask that testimony be given on the points raised in the funding presentation.

The Michigan Infrastructure Transportation Association (MITA) and Michigan Chamber of Commerce hosted a Transportation Funding Workshop, March 8, 2005, with House members. The Funding Presentation Subteam was invited to present "Transportation Needs and Funding Alternatives." The presentation was excellent and well received.

Presentations are also scheduled for the Senate on Tuesday, March 22 at 1:00 pm and the House on Wednesday, March 23 at 8:30 am. These are open meetings

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**Meeting  
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(continued)**

“Brainstorming”:

Take advantage of opportunities to make presentations to other organizations/interest groups, i.e., Theresa Petko or Al Kaltenthaler to ACEC, John Niemela to CRAM (Lion’s Club, Rotary Club, Metropolitan Planning Association, Michigan Planning Association, etc.).

Come up with a strategy for going directly to the public with message.

Consider adding ASCE report card to powerpoint presentation. Christopher Mann, SEMCOG, will provide copies of presentations recently given to SEMCOG related to the economic importance of transportation. Theresa to pull highlights and add slides to presentation. Ralph reiterated examples of the importance of transportation to the economy.

Education Subcommittee report: Bill Carley will contact Debbie Alexander to update.

Innovative Funding Options: A subteam will be established to identify and explore in more detail innovative funding options, i.e., electronic tolling. Theresa asked for volunteers. Brian Blaesing, Chris Mann, Aarne Frobom and Ralph Lange volunteered.

Aarne Frobom said MDOT is compiling a report regarding the basics of toll finance and a survey of toll projects in other states, which is almost finished. Participation in a study of GPS based taxation ended a year ago at the Universities of Minnesota and Iowa with practical test now beginning in Oregon.

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**Action  
Items**

Agenda item #2 - Reauthorization: Ask individual members to send out notice to members to contact Senators asking for support.

Attend statewide meetings on MDOT’s Five year Plan.

Each member to identify two groups to present the funding presentation.

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**2005  
Meeting  
Dates**

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1. Friday, April 15, 2005      9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
  2. Friday, May 13, 2005      9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
  3. Friday, June 17, 2005      9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
  4. Friday, July 15, 2005      9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
  5. Friday, August 19, 2005      9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
  6. Friday, September 16, 2005   9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
  7. Friday, October 21, 2005      9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing
  8. Friday, November 18, 2005   9:30- 12:30 pm  
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

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Meeting Agenda**

**April 15, 2005**

**9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Aeronautics Auditorium**

**2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing**

- 1. Reauthorization - Update**
- 2. Update – Meetings with Legislature**
- 3. Innovative Funding Options Subteam**
- 4. Powerpoint Presentations to other  
Organizations/Interest Groups**
- 5. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting**
- 6. Post Critique Meeting**